

## **Esther Edie Environmental Scholarship Fund**

### **Esther Edie was the Founder of South Dakota Resources Coalition**

#### **\$1,000.00 Scholarship**

In 1972, Esther Edie brought together several small environmental protection groups from around the state to form the South Dakota Resources Coalition (SDRC). SDRC's mission was to preserve and enhance our environment, protect our natural resources, and encourage citizens and businesses to adopt sound environmental practices. In its 40-year existence SDRC fulfilled its mission through education, legislative advocacy, and litigation. Esther Edie was an effective leader in SDRC's many projects until her death in 2006.

Education has always been a particular focus for SDRC. Over the years of its existence, SDRC has maintained the regular publication of Eco Forum. This informative and consistently high-quality newsletter on environmental issues examined those of particular interest to South Dakotans. To expand awareness of the need to protect our environment, SDRC has sponsored speaking appearances by well-known environmentalists, has prepared and aired television and radio programs, and has cultivated public support for many state laws and other rulings that have protected the air, water, land, and wildlife of South Dakota.

Because SDRC has always been a volunteer-based and operated organization, it unfortunately was unable to continue its programs beyond 2012. As a tribute to its founder the Board established the Esther Edie Environmental Scholarship for South Dakota students who choose a career in environmental protection.

All the records and archives of SDRC are housed in the Briggs Library at South Dakota State University.

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#### **Scholarship Qualifications**

1. Awarded to a student in their final year of schooling
2. Must be attending a South Dakota college or university (public, private, or tribal)
3. Must be pursuing a degree in Environmental science (biology or chemistry), Environmental geography, Environmental sociology, Natural resource management, or Environmental law

#### **Attachments**

1. Completed application
2. College transcript
3. Write an essay 1000 words or less on "What I have done to maintain South Dakota's environmental heritage and my vision to enhance environmental quality in South Dakota."

Only completed applications will be considered and must be submitted and received by **April 15**.

**Send to:**

**Dakota Rural Action**

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**Scholarship Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What institution do you attend?

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What Environmental degree are you pursuing?

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**\*\*The Esther Edie Environmental Scholarship is a fall semester award and will be sent directly to recipients' post-secondary school of choice\*\***

Fall semester awards will be mailed the third week of July to allow financial aid time to process and apply to recipients' accounts prior to payment due date.